

LINN COUNTY'S GREATEST PATRIOTIC HOME-COMING

The Famous 356th Regimental Band from Camp Funston,
Composed entirely of Missourians, including a number of Linn County Soldier Boys.

Corporal Wayne B. Fields of Browning, Sergeant Bugler Thomas B. Dillinger of Humphreys, and Musician Herold F. Adams of Linneus, will be with this band. Efforts are now being made to have every Linn County boy at Camp Funston to be here for this great jubilee.

Telegram From Camp Funston

Secretary Red Cross, Brookfield.

As per our schedule we intend to arrive in Brookfield on train 3, Saturday, April 27, and will be available for either a parade or concert that afternoon and concert at night. Will probably spend Sunday in Brookfield.

Very truly yours,

R. R. RIDGE,

Band Sergeant

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

IN THE

Brookfield Parks

Patriotic concerts afternoon and evening for the
Patriotic People of Linn County.

Patriotic Speaking and Addresses by

Hon. J. P. Boyd,
Hon. Emmet Fields,

and other prominent and well known
speakers.

Free Military Band Concerts
Afternoon and Evening.

A Great Red Cross Auction Sale

Front of Odd Fellows Building at 2 p. m.

The Band will help this Great Auction, for the sake of Humanity. We want every one in Linn County to donate anything of value to this Auction. Bring a Pig, a Calf, a Chicken, a Jar of Fruit, a Bale of Hay, a Bushel of Potatoes, or Corn, or Oats, Relics, Furniture, Firearms, Home made Rugs, or anything of value that you will donate for this Worthy Cause. A reliable Man will receive all donations at any time. Leave all offerings at Samuells and Smiths Furniture store, in the Odd Fellows building.

Three Famous Auctioneers have donated their services. Hundreds of Loyal Linn County Citizens will donate hundreds of useful and interesting articles. "Here is where the Red Cross goes Over the Top." A Thousand dollars must be raised, do your bit. Bring what you can. Bid what you can. Be at this Great Patriotic meeting. Meet the "Boys From Funston." It may be for the last time. You'll be happier, Your Consciences will be freer, Your heart more Loyal if you come to this Great Patriotic Home Coming meeting at Brookfield Saturday and Sunday April 27th and 28th.

From Overseas

Last week the Meadville Messenger printed two interesting letters received by Mrs. Catherine Fruin from her son Jerry who is with the American forces in Europe. While he cannot of course give his location, the description of the country is that of England. The letters were written in March. Jerry's many Laclede friends are glad to know he is well and so far has escaped much of the hardship that come to many who are in this great conflict. Following are some paragraphs taken from his letters:

"This is indeed a beautiful country and I am delighted with it. The wonderful farms are certainly a sight to me and I assure you that if I ever get out of this mixup I know of one ranch in Missouri that is going to show the effects of this sight-seeing trip.

"Our trip across the ocean was made in a week, and it was very exciting, especially at the last, but we arrived without mishap and are now in the land of many Hawthorne hedges and green fields, Short-horn cattle, and Oxford and Hampshire sheep.

"Indeed I am rather surprised to be here after such a short period of preparation but we are to be trained on this side and sent to school for some time to come, and it will be a great while before we see action.

"The camp where we are now located is called a rest camp, far from the front, and there are many "old timers" here and they can certainly tell some tales of trench life and action in the various other branches of the service.

"The great needs around this country seems to me to be, first food and then men. We are obtaining enough food and the bread is made of whole wheat and is de-

licious. I could eat a whole loaf of it but we cannot get that much at one time.

"Every one is on rations and are allotted just so much of each article a week and it seems that altho no one is starving or anything like that, the whole country is at war and the war is getting close to the homes. A young man is a rare sight, for if anyone is not fit to fight he can work and is placed in uniform and does construction work. For after destruction comes the reconstruction period.

"The traffic regulations are opposite from ours. You always drive on the left side of the road and pass to the right. The trains are little toys, but they certainly can go. The engines are about the size of the engines that run north and south out of Laclede, and the wagon roads are cement or of a similar nature, and as clean as a dance floor.

"I feel fine and now weigh about 135 pounds, and never felt better in my life. Please write to me real often as our mail is almost a month reaching us and if you write often the month will seem much shorter."

"The day has been cloudy all day and tonight it is raining. The sound of the rain upon the tent sounds great.

"This morning I took my second long walk with the squadron. We walked perhaps six miles thru the neighboring country and it is wonderful. After taking such a walk and seeing the quiet country homes that seem to re-echo peace and contentment it is hard to believe that they have lost almost everything and are connected with the greatest war in the history of the world. The narrow lanes edged with nicely trimmed hedges,

the wonderful green fields with their herds and pheasants, the old people working in the fields and the thatched roofs are all personified peace.

"Yes, mother, I am home-sick but if someone would tell me I could either go home or stay, I would stay. I enlisted to see this thing thru and after reaching this country and after seeing the effects of this war on England, and realizing that the same would be the fate of My Home if Germany would have her will, I am more determined than ever. Thank goodness that America has taken her opportunity and is fighting in Europe instead of at Home."

Death of Mrs. Jacobs

On arriving at Norman, Okla., last week, Harry Landree found his sister, Mrs. W. H. Jacobs, unconscious and beyond hopes of recovery.

Ollie Landree Jacobs was born near Meadville, September 28, 1868; died April 20, 1918, at Norman, Okla. The remains were brought to Meadville Monday and laid to rest by the side of her father and mother. She was a member of the Baptist church and the Linneus camp of Royal Neighbors of America.

Rev. Hall of the Meadville M. E. church conducted a short service after which the Royal Neighbors held ritualistic service. The casket was covered with floral offerings among which was a beautiful piece from employees of the Santa Fe at Norman and a sprig from Linneus camp. She leaves to mourn, a husband, W. H. Jacobs, one son, Arthur, a daughter, Mrs. Roy Gil-mour, all of Norman, Okla., and three brothers, Harry Landree of Laclede, Ira of Prairie Hill, and Walter of Linneus.

Director Thurman of Laclede had charge of the funeral.

Linn Set the Pattern

From Globe Democrat.

Pershing's home county of Linn is doubling its Liberty Loan quota. Now, if all other Missouri counties will do as well by their heroes, Missouri will be the banner state.

Statement of the Ownership

management, circulation, etc., required by the act of August 24, 1912, of THE LACLEDE BLADE, published weekly at Laclede, Mo., for Apr. 1, 1918.

State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss: Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. J. Caywood, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor, owner and publisher of THE LACLEDE BLADE and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 483, postal laws and regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

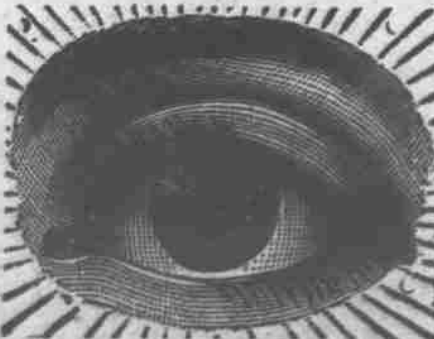
Name of editor, managing editor, business manager, publisher, A. J. Caywood, Laclede, Mo. Owner, A. J. Caywood, Laclede, Mo. Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgage, or other security: None.

A. J. CAYWOOD, Owner.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th (SEAL) day of Apr., 1918.
G. C. HOGGER, Notary Public.
(My commission expires March 5th, 1921.)

Final Settlement Notice

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, and others interested in the estate of George M. West, deceased, that I, O. F. Libby, executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Linn County, State of Missouri, to be held at Linneus, on the 13th day of May, 1918.

O. F. LIBBY, Executor.



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